

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 BUJUMB 01032 291402Z
ACTION AF-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 PER-05 MMO-01 AID-05 ABF-01 ICA-20
OC-06 A-01 /050 W
-----003981 300511Z /10
R 291330Z AUG 78
FM AMEMBASSY BUJUMBURA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7371

UNCLAS BUJUMBURA 1032

EO 11652: NA
TAGS: AMGT, BY
SUBJ: REQUEST FOR GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER

1. WITH THE BEGINNING OF THE AID PROGRAM HERE AND THE ASSIGNMENT OF A PAO WE BELIEVE IT IS NECESSARY TO ASSIGN GSO TO BURUNDI. THIS REQUEST HAS BEEN LONG OUTSTANDING AND WAS SUPPORTED BY INSPECTORS DURING INSPECTION TWO YEARS AGO. CONDITIONS NOTED THEN WARRANTING ASSIGNMENT OF GSO WILL BE CONSIDERABLY MORE INTENSE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

2. AID PRESENTLY HAS A SECOND STAFF MEMBER ASSIGNED WITH FOUR MORE PROGRAMMED FOR THIS AND THE COMING FISCAL YEAR. THIS BUILD-UP IS BEGINNING TO PUT A STRAIN ON OUR ADMINISTRATIVE RESOURCES AND WITHOUT THE ADDITION OF AN AMERICAN WHO CAN DEVOTE FULL TIME TO GENERAL SERVICE WORK, THE POST WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SUPPLY THE SERVICES BOTH THE OFFICES AND PERSONNEL REQUIRE IN AN ISOLATED CITY SUCH AS BUJUMBURA WITH ITS PRIMITIVE COMMERCIAL SERVICES. IN ADDITION, THE ASSIGNMENT OF A PAO PRESAGES A MORE ACTIVE ICA PROGRAM WITH CONCOMITANT SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS.

2. THE POST HAS REDUCED OUR OPERATING BUDGET SIGNIFICANTLY AND LET GO FSL'S WHO CONTRIBUTED LITTLE TO THE EFFICIENCY OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION. AFTER TRYING DIFFERENT COMBINATIONS, HOWEVER, WE HAVE COME TO CONCLUSION WE CANNOT DEVELOP NECESSARY SUPERVISORY SKILLS AMONG FSL'S TO OBVIATE NEED FOR AMERICAN
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 BUJUMB 01032 291402Z

GSO. WE EXPECT THIS SITUATION TO DETERIORATE FURTHER NEXT YEAR. CLASS B CASHIER HAS NOTIFIED US SHE EXPECTS TO LEAVE BURUNDI. OUR PRESENT CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT HAS SERIOUS HEALTH PROBLEMS. IF THINGS DEVELOP AS WE EXPECT, WE PLAN SHIFT LATTER TO CASHIER JOB. THIS WILL LEAVE US WITH NO COMPETENT LOCAL SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL IN GSO SECTION, AND WE HAVE LITTLE HOPE OF LOCATING NEW COMPETENT LOCAL PERSONNEL.

3. GROWING AID AND USICA OPERATIONS ARE ALSO ADDING TO WORKLOAD OF US EMPLOYEES WHO IN PAST HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SUPPORT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER. HERETOFORE, CRO HAS BEEN ABLE TO SERVE AS GSO PART-TIME WITH THE DCM'S SECRETARY BACKING HIM UP IN COMMUNICATIONS. WITH THE INCREASE IN AID AND MULTI-SECTION TRAFFIC THE CRO NO LONGER

HAS THIS FLEXIBILITY. IN ADDITION, OVER PAST YEAR VACANCIES IN THE SECOND SECRETARY SLOT HAVE MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE PROVIDE CRO WITH CONSISTENT BACK UP.

4. IN VIEW OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS POST REQUESTS THAT DEPARTMENT ADD GSO POSITION TO BUJUMBURA STAFFING PATTERN AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.
CORCORAN

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 29 aug 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 jan 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978BUJUMB01032
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780353-0754
Format: TEL
From: BUJUMBURA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780810/aaaaahyw.tel
Line Count: 77
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 84b68457-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 29 mar 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: N/A
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 1538789
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: REQUEST FOR GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER
TAGS: AMGT, BY
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/84b68457-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014